

# U.S. postpones bills to foil counterfeiters

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**U**ncle Sam has once again pushed back the printing of paper money featuring two new anti-counterfeiting devices.

Officials had said the bills would enter full-scale production in 1989, which was two years later than originally planned. Now the Treasury anticipates a 1990 start up, said Ira M. Polikoff, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The new currency is to have microprinting around the center portraits and a clear polyester

thread embedded into the paper, small but important changes that are expected to make "greenbacks" more difficult to duplicate on a new generation of color copying machines.

Polikoff said private companies making the paper need more time to install inspection systems at their plants so that they can be certain their product meets government standards. The expected 1987 debut of the new currency had been delayed because of problems embedding the polyester thread into the paper at high-speed production levels.



Former Chicago residents Aubrey and Adeline Bebee have given their \$2 million collection of U.S. paper money to the American Numismatic Assn.

ANA officials are displaying the 716-item collection—believed to be the most important of its type in private hands—at the ANA headquarters museum in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Bebees owned a coin shop in Chicago from 1941 to 1952, when they moved to Omaha. They have become two of the hobby's most respected pros during their nearly five decades in the business.